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SUBJECT: PARAGUAY: OFFERS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR
HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

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1. (U) On 9/1, Post received the following offers of assistance for hurricane relief efforts from both Paraguayan government officials and the private sector:

-- Ambassador Ceferino Valdez, the President of the Voluntary Firemen's Association in Paraguay and the Foreign Ministry's Director of Bilateral Affairs, offered to send 20-30 volunteers with experience in land and marine rescue missions to assist relief efforts. He noted that American Airlines has offered to fly the volunteers to the U.S. He may be contacted at 011-595-21-494-900 or via cell phone 011-595-981-515-728;

-- Businessman Esteban Morabito, offered to donate a large quantity of chemical products for pest control (e.g. mosquito, rats, etc.) in connection to relief efforts. He may be contacted in his office at 011-595-21-215-016.

2. (U) Post thanked both Ambassador Valdez and Mr. Morabito for their generous offers and advised them that as soon as possible Post will inform them on how to implement their offers of assistance.

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